

"Good Morning, Chairman Lawlor, Chairman McDonald, and members of the Judiciary Committee.

Sincere thanks to the Committee for hearing my testimony.

I am John H. Palmer, Vice Chairman Colt Unit Local 376 United Auto Workers.

I have been employed for twenty eight (28) years.

The proposed Bill SB 353 would have a devastating effect on one of the oldest

most recognizable manufacturers in CONNECTICUT.

The additional cost of manufacturing a semi-auto pistol with micro stamping

would be passed along to the end user thus crippling sales and ending

production.

This effect would also impact our Vendors and Suppliers.

Sum and substance would amount to the loss of thousands of livelihoods

and will result in an inability to supply law abiding firearm owners, as well as,

laws enforcement officers and our nations' military.

The members of our unit own a portion of the Company through our Employee Stock Ownership

Program. Ownership implies risk and our risk is defined as our jobs.

On behalf of all of the workers of UAW Local 376,

I strongly urge the Committee to reject this Bill.

Thank you!